

## OPENING THE MAIL AT THOMASVILLE.



HANNA—Isn't it nice to see that all the people are still with us?  
M'KINLEY—Yep.

NO LAWYER DARED  
DEFEND THIS GIRL.

And So She Could Not Prove  
Herself a Policeman's  
Victim.

Policeman Carl A. Neilson, of the Elizabeth street station, was exonerated in the Centre Street Police Court by Magistrate Flannery, yesterday, of the charge of having substituted another woman for an escaped female prisoner. He went triumphantly back to his duties. Nellie Clifford, the woman who declared that she had been arrested to take the escaped prisoner's place, was sent to the island to serve her sentence of thirty days.

The opinion of the lawyers and others who heard the evidence in the case was that the woman had no chance to prove her case. Half a dozen lawyers said that had the person charged been any other than a policeman they would have volunteered their services, but they dared not antagonize the police.

Nellie Clifford repeated her story without the slightest variance. Rosa Howe, the woman who was said to have been with the McLaughlin woman when she escaped, was brought down from the island and told her story. Neilson, she said, while the women were being taken from their cells to court, left them on the steps a moment while he went back to consult with the sergeant, and it was then that the McLaughlin woman disappeared. The policeman, the woman said, searched for a few moments for the missing woman, and then they started to the court. She says that she did not see him arrest the Clifford woman, but declared that she never had seen her until they met in the room.

The McLaughlin woman, the witness said, was forty-five years old, and had a red nose and was much heavier than the Clifford woman. Mary O'Herra gave similar testimony.

Dan O'Rourke, in whose resort the Clifford woman says she passed nearly all of Monday night, was then called. He testified that "Hart," as he called the Clifford woman, came into his place about 7 o'clock Monday evening, but left in about three-quarters of an hour and did not return.

About nine o'clock that night he heard that she had been arrested on Worth street. The McLaughlin woman was arrested on Worth street, but at 10:12 o'clock, an hour after Mr. O'Rourke said he had heard of the fact.

Several policemen testified in favor of Neilson. Neilson declared that he had arrested the Clifford woman fifteen times. There was no one to cross-examine him, or any of the witnesses.

Magistrate Flannery then decided that there was not sufficient evidence to justify his discharging the Clifford woman, and she was committed to the island to serve her sentence of thirty days.

"I am going to serve my time," said Nellie Clifford, "because I have no one to help me, but when I return to the city, I am going to get money so that I can earn enough money to employ a lawyer, and then we will see if the police can do as they have this time."

HE FELL DEAD AT MASS.

F. Chagnon Expired Suddenly at Morning Devotions in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

F. Chagnon, seventy years old, of No. 824 Sixth avenue, died in St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Fifth avenue, yesterday morning, while at morning devotions.

CIGARETTES MADE  
THIS MAN CRAZY.

They Ruined His Home and  
Drove Him to Strike  
His Wife.

"For Heaven's sake give me a cigarette," begged John Kauper, yesterday, as he entered the observation ward of the Kings County Hospital, Flatbush, to be examined as to his sanity. Kauper, who is thirty-three years old, has become insane through the excessive smoking of cigarettes.

His wife, at whose request he was committed, first made a charge of assault

against him. She said that he visited her apartments at No. 48 Underhill avenue a few nights ago. He acted strangely; his eyes had a vacant stare, and his gestures were wild. His pockets were filled with cigarettes, and he was smoking one. With the slightest provocation he struck her in the face.

He had been, until nine months ago, a kind, considerate husband, and made her home happy. It was the first blow he had ever struck her.

She appealed to Magistrate Steers in the Flatbush Police Court, not in the spirit of revenge, but rather of kindness. She did not want her husband punished, but restored to reason.

While he was waiting in jail to be transferred to the hospital he attempted suicide by tying his suspenders tightly around his neck. Later he was examined and found to be suffering from nicotine poisoning and probable dementia.

Kauper until about a year ago had been one of the smartest salesmen in the employ of a well-known notion firm in this city. He contracted the cigarette habit when a schoolboy, first smoking dried corn silk. The habit got such a hold on him that he used twenty packages a day. A year ago his health failed. He lost his position; his home was broken up. He went to his

father's home and his wife did dressmaking. He kept on smoking cigarettes. "Give him back his reason, kill the cigarette habit and I'll be a happy woman," said the wife to the physicians.

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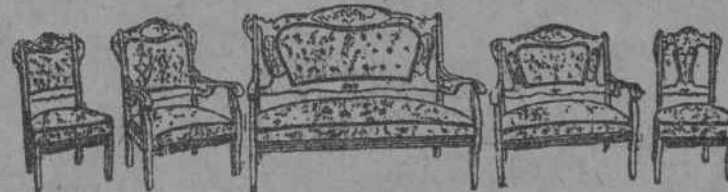
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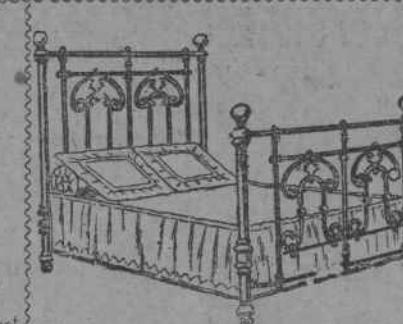
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